

The DAOW of Literacy in a storytelling environment



Oral storytelling is an important part of the process. It is how storytelling began and it has endured for thousands of years. No matter how high tech we become, telling stories to each other orally will endure as one of our primary and most powerful forms of communication. It will always be an important skill to have in school, the workplace, and the community.

Written work may not find its way into the final product of our digital story, but it is the pathway that students must take to create it.

Writing is the primary tool used to plan and create a digital story. No matter how sophisticated our technology becomes, the future of digital storytelling will involve writing and conventional forms of literacy.

Art is important, because in a world in which students are required to create websites, digital stories, and other forms of new media as part of their schoolwork, art is becoming the next literacy. Digital projects are essentially multimedia art projects, shaped by story.

Digital literacy involves the effective, creative, and wise use of technology. We want our students to master technology skills, use technology as an imagination amplifier, and to see and evaluate technology and its impacts within the larger context of community.

More and more students will tell stories with media accompaniment. How many Power Point presentations have you seen? The average audience now expects a blend of media and oral presentation. Some technologies used at AIS include video editing with Adobe Premiere Pro, digital photography slide shows using Microsoft Photo Story, and Podcasts created with Audacity software.

The above material was adapted from Jason Ohler's website:

<http://www.jasonohler.com/storytelling/index.cfm>

Web resources to help get you started:

Jason Ohler's Digital Storytelling site

http://www.jasonohler.com/storytelling/storyeducation.cfm#DAOW_of_literacy

The University of Houston's Educational uses of Digital Storytelling

<http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/>

How to use Adobe Premiere Pro CS3

<http://www.vtc.com/products/Adobe-Premiere-Pro-CS3-tutorials.htm>

How to use Audacity

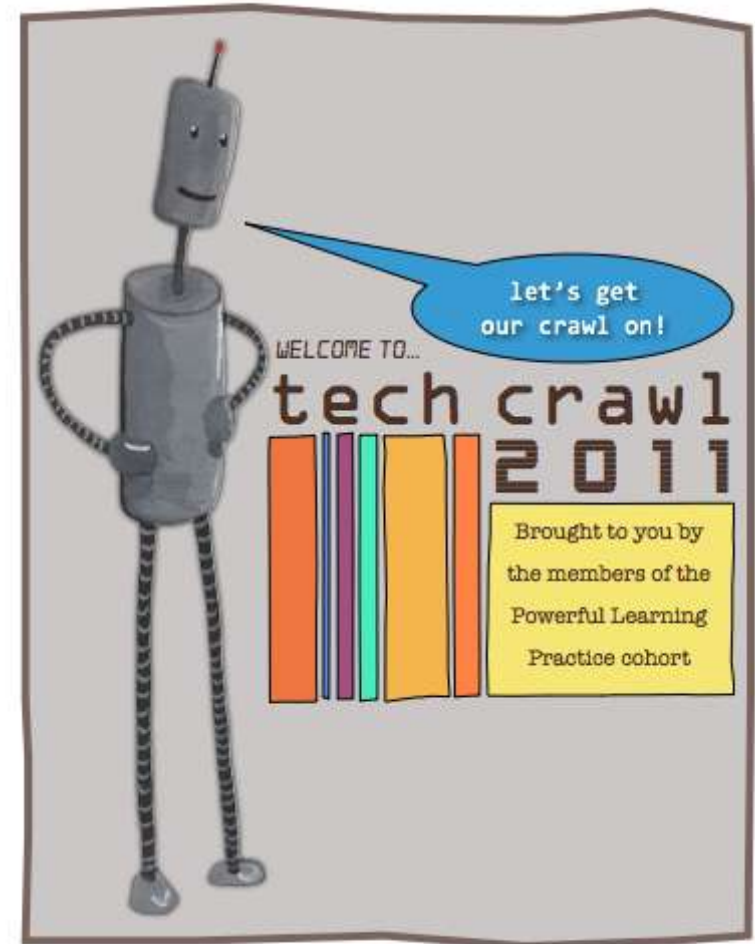
<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Audacity>

How to use Microsoft PhotoStory 3

<http://millie.furman.edu/mlt/tutorials/photostory3/index.htm>

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